

The Outsiders

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Definitions



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| 1. | aloof | uh LOOF | apart, indifferent |
| | Synonyms >> | detached, incurious, unconcerned | Antonym >> integrated; friendly |
| | The woman remained aloof during the party, separating herself from everyone else. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | aloofness | |
| 2. | bolt | BOLT | to move suddenly |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> to move sluggishly |
| | We were surprised when the horse suddenly bolted. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | bolter, boltlike, bolted | |
| 3. | contempt | kun TEMPT | scorn, extreme dislike or disdain |
| | Synonyms >> | despicableness, pitiableness, scurviness | Antonym >> respect |
| | The man treated the gossiping woman with contempt; talking about other people was beneath his dignity. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | contemptible, contemptuous | |
| 4. | credulous | KREJ uh lus | believing on slight evidence, gullible |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> suspicious |
| | Because the lady's horoscope said that she should stay inside, the credulous woman did not go to work. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | credulously, credulousness, credulity | |
| 5. | deleterious | del eh TEER ee us | harmful; dangerous; injurious |
| | Synonyms >> | baneful, detrimental, noxious, pernicious | Antonym >> harmless, benign |
| | Some chemicals have deleterious effects on those who must handle them. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | deleteriousness, deleteriously, deleteriousness | |
| 6. | dissected | deh SEK tid | divided into numerous segments or parts |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> whole |
| | In biology today I dissected a frog. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | dissect, dissecting, dissection, dissectional, dissection, dissector | |
| 7. | indignation | in dig NAY shun | anger as a result of something unjust |
| | Synonyms >> | fury, ire, rage, wrath | Antonym >> serenity |
| | I have much indignation about the light sentence given to the drunk driver who ran over my child. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | indignant, indignantly, indignance, indignify, indignities | |
| 8. | nonchalance | non shuh LAWNS | indifference, a showing of little interest |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> intensity |
| | He took the news of his failing grade with nonchalance. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | nonchalant, nonchalantly, nonchalantness | |
| 9. | rue | ROO | to be sorry for, to regret |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> to consider happily |
| | He will rue the day that he tangles with me. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | rueful, ruefully, ruefulness, rues | |
| 10. | unfathomable | un FATH um uh bul | not capable of being understood |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> understandable |
| | The solution to the mystery was unfathomable in the beginning. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | unfathomableness, unfathomably, unfathomed | |
| 11. | wistful | WIST ful | having unfulfilled longing or yearning |
| | Synonyms >> | | Antonym >> fulfilled; realistic |
| | It is a wistful dream for her to think that she can go to Hollywood and become a star. | | |
| | Derivatives >> | wistfulness, wistfully | |

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Vocabulary Test

Directions: Match the word in the left column with the correct definition in the right column.

Exercise A

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